

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning with “To provide a practical...”, insert the heading:
Brief Description of the Drawings

Page 6, amend the paragraph beginning with “To provide a practical...” to read as follows:
To provide a practical and non-limiting example of the method according to the

invention, the properties and advantages of one concrete embodiment of the method are
described hereinafter with reference to the drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is an illustration of the concept of a selector known in the prior art; and

FIG. 2 ~~of the accompanying drawing, which~~ is a block diagram of a bidirectional
protection group including two active resources and one protection resource in each signal
transmission direction, in accordance with the present invention.

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning “The example shown...” insert the heading:

Detailed Description of the Invention